GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6287
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
NATIONAL HANDLOOM CREDIT FUND
SUKDEO PASWAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made to the Government for setting up of a National Handloom Credit Fund;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken a decision in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

THE STATE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e) No request has been made to the Government for setting up a National Handloom Credit Fund.However, the High Powered Committee setup by Government ofIndia under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Mira Seth, Member Planning Commission, had recommended in its report in December, `96 for creation of National Handloom Credit Fund for covering weavers outside the cooperative fold. The recommendation was made when NABARD`s refinance facilitywas not available to the Weavers outside the Cooperative fold. This matter was taken up with NABARD and they have now extended this facility to State Handloom Corporations for covering weavers outside the cooperative fold from the year 1997-98.